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ABOUT THE ARTIST

Steve Huston was born in Anchorage, Alaska on February 23, 1959. He grew up with comic books as his only art influence, and it wasn't until later that he was inspired by Rembrandt, Whistler, Sargent, Renaissance Draughtsmen, and a host of others.

Steve moved to Pasadena, California, to attend Art Center College of Design. Since his graduation a couple of years ago Steve has been successfully painting movie posters, book covers, video cassette packages, and for magazines. Represented in New York and Los Angeles by Artist Agents, he also teaches illustration and drawing classes at several surrounding colleges.

Steve describes himself as: "being quite a playboy and a Yuppie." His exploits are legion and humility undying, so say his official biographers. If this exciting young man interests you, please look in your local book store for his life story to be presented in a handsome nine volume leatherbound set, or on the upcoming mini-series to be aired on PBS.

ABOUT THE WRITER

Name: Cliff MacGillivray
Born: July 11, 1956
Birthplace: New Westminster, British Columbia, Canada
Bats: Right Throws: Right

Although I was born in Canada my family moved to South Pasadena, California when I was eight. Not wanting to cause a family rift, I decided to come along. I read voraciously, with my favorites being A.E. Van Vogt, Robert E. Howard, Karl Edward Wagner, and Ray Bradbury among others. I grew up reading comic books, giving away my collections a couple of times. Although I've had a book published I never thought I'd be writing comics—until I met Steve Huston.

I graduated from Loyola Marymount University with a good job prep major—Philosophy, and jumped into the real world. Landing in an Advertising agency, I eventually worked in a variety of positions for several agencies. A couple of years ago while I was an Advertising Director I met Steve. Since then I have assigned freelance work to him, rented out my back house to him, and even tried to find him a date (a hopeless task I know, but what are friends for?)

One day Steve reintroduced me to comic books and graphic novels. I discovered that no longer does good always triumph over evil, that not everyone is a superhero or supervillian, and that there are even adult situations: I was hooked again.

ABOUT THE STORY

One night in Palm Springs after Steve had scared away the women, and before the police came, we tossed around some grapes and ideas in a Jacuzzi. After several beers we had developed what we thought was a great fantasy concept, and a great science fiction concept.

Because this is a new medium for us, everyone concerned thought we best begin with some short stories. We whipped up a few, and Steve Schanes was kind enough to give us a shot. So here we are. I sincerely hope you like *3-D Heroes*.

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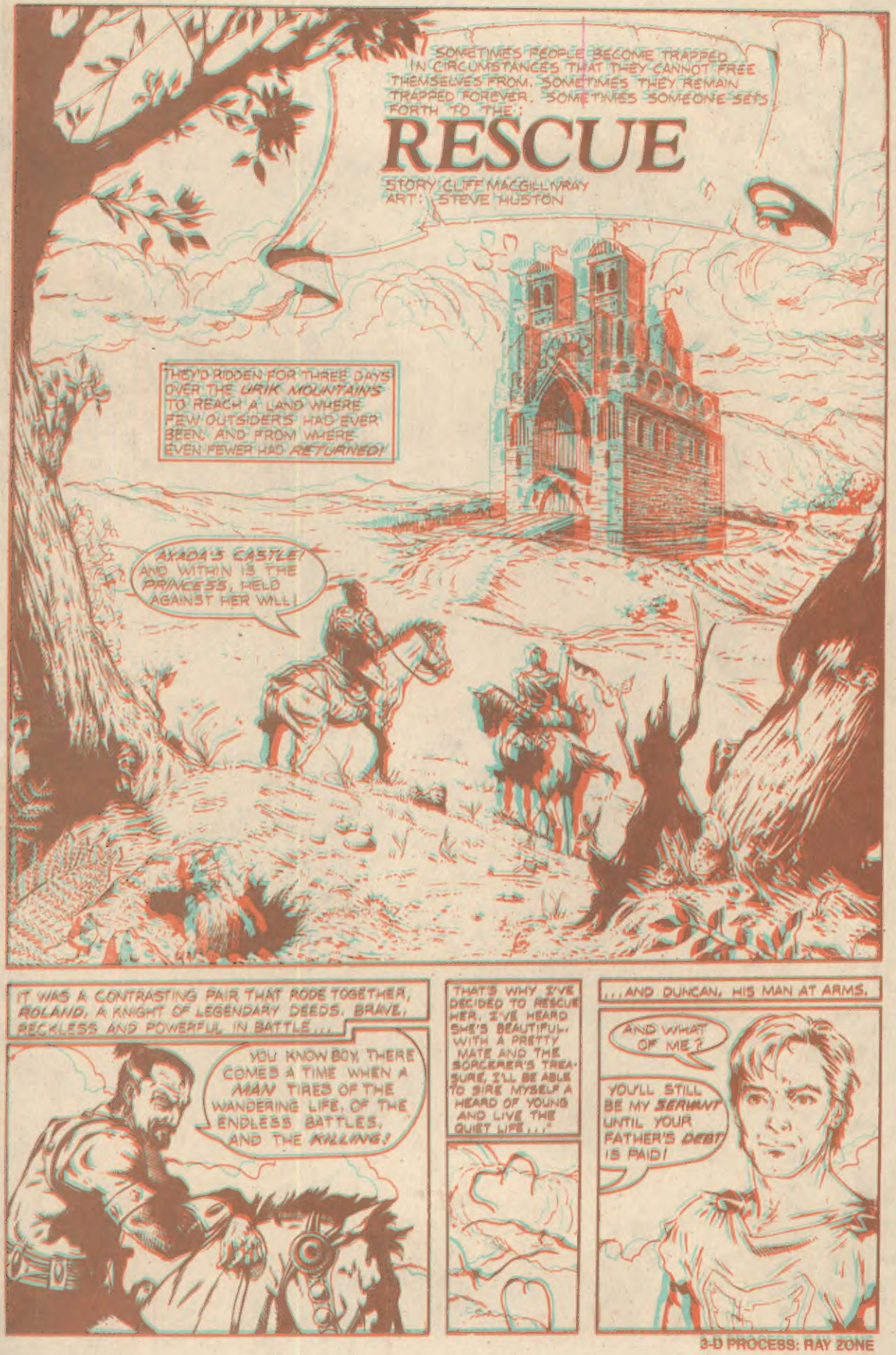
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RESCUE
STORY: CLIFF MACGILLIVRAY
ART: STEVE HUSTON
THEY'D RIDDEN FOR THREE DAYS OVER THE URIK MOUNTAINS TO REACH A LAND WHERE FEW OUTSIDERS HAD EVER BEEN, AND FROM WHERE EVEN FEWER HAD RETURNED!
AXADA'S CASTLE! AND WITHIN IS THE PRINCESS, HELD AGAINST HER WILL!
IT WAS A CONTRASTING PAIR THAT RODE TOGETHER, ROLAND, A KNIGHT OF LEGENDARY DEEDS, BRAVE, RECKLESS AND POWERFUL IN BATTLE...
YOU KNOW BOY, THERE COMES A TIME WHEN A MAN TIRES OF THE WANDERING LIFE, OF THE ENDLESS BATTLES, AND THE KILLING!
THAT'S WHY I'VE DECIDED TO RESCUE HER. I'VE HEARD SHE'S BEAUTIFUL. WITH A PRETTY MATE AND THE SORCERER'S TREASURE, I'LL BE ABLE TO SIRE MYSELF A HEARD OF YOUNG AND LIVE THE QUIET LIFE...
...AND DUNCAN, HIS MAN AT ARMS.
AND WHAT OF ME?
YOU'LL STILL BE MY SERVANT UNTIL YOUR FATHER'S DEBT IS PAID!

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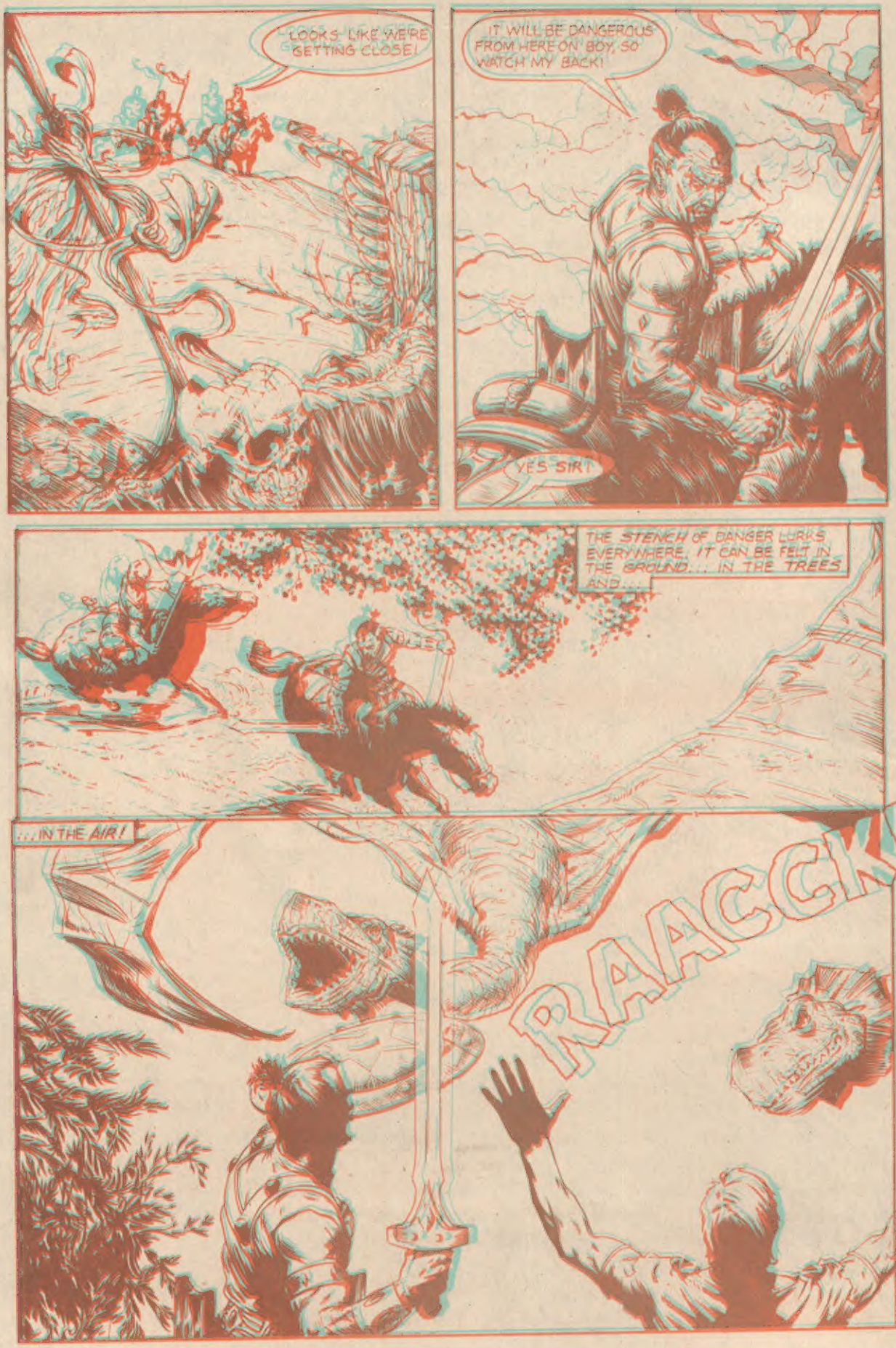
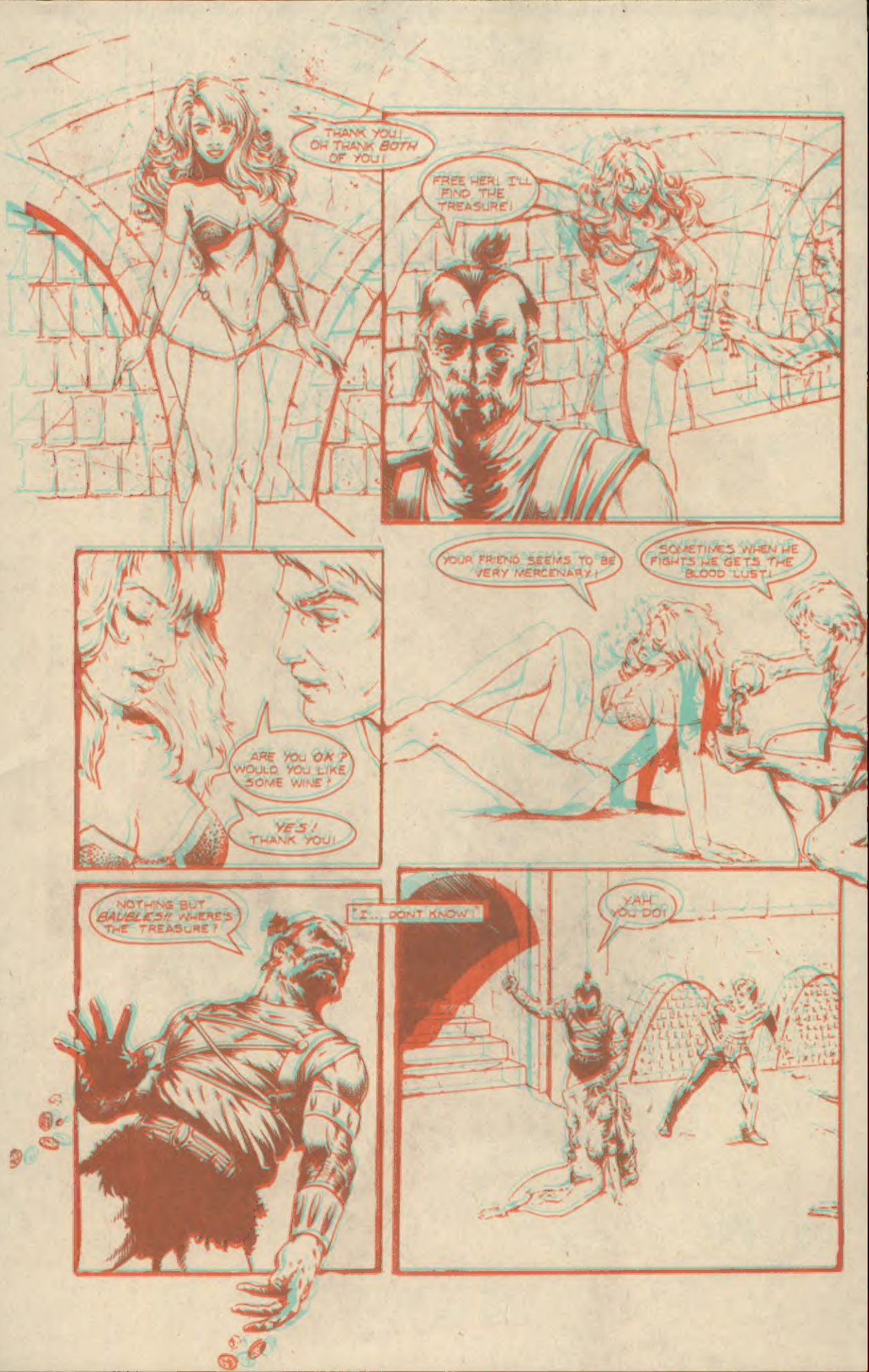

LOOKS LIKE WE'RE GETTING CLOSE!
IT WILL BE DANGEROUS FROM HERE ON BOY, SO WATCH MY BACK!
YES SIR!
THE STENCH OF DANGER LURKS EVERYWHERE. IT CAN BE FELT IN THE GROUND... IN THE TREES AND...
...IN THE AIR!
RAACCK!

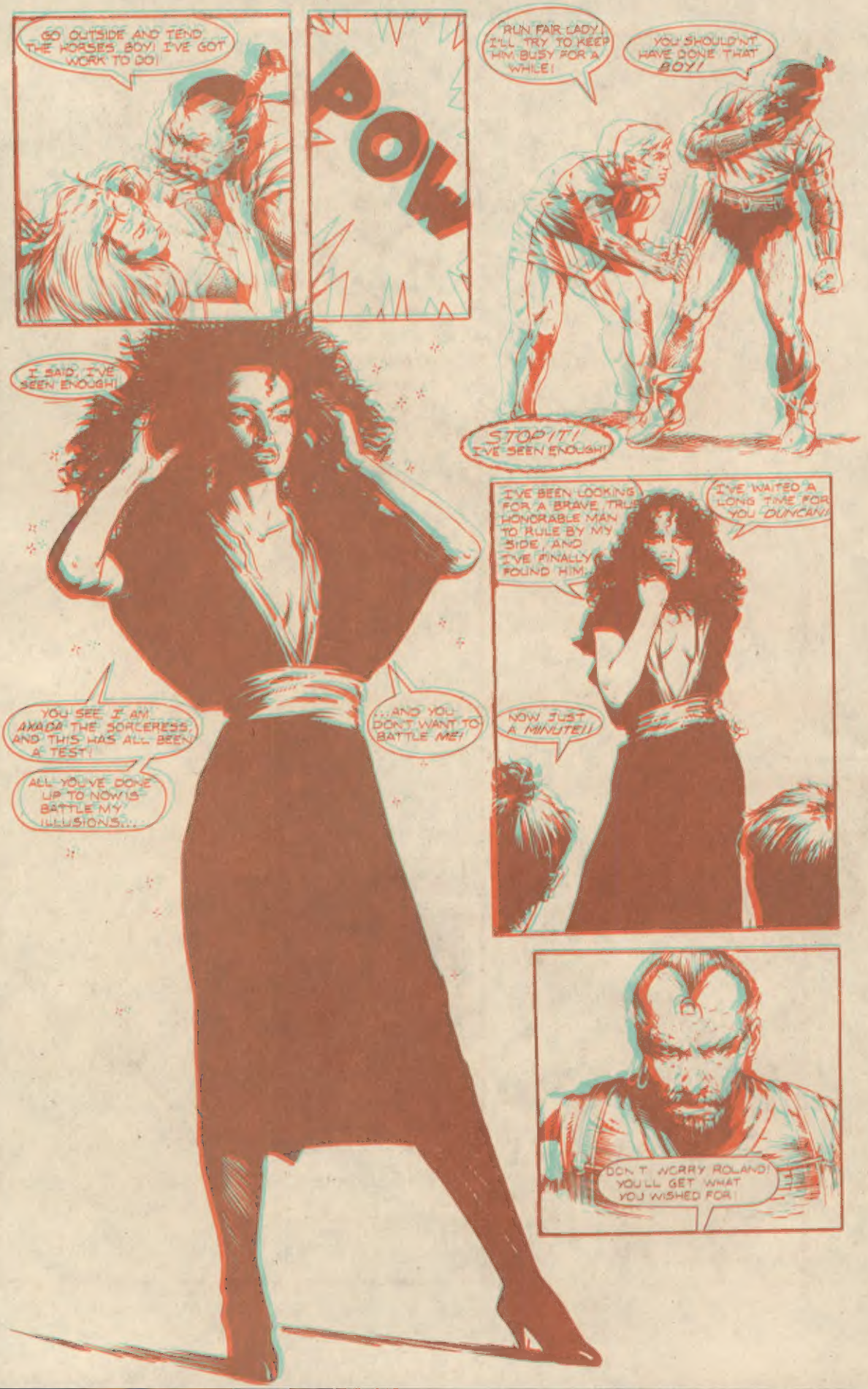
SKREEE!
DIE YOU HELLSPAWNED DEMON!!
AAGGGHH..
BUT THERE IS STILL ONE CREATURE LEFT ALIVE!
HA! HA! HA! IS THIS ALL AXAOA CAN SEND ME?
ROLAND! HELP ME!
LET'S GO! I WANT TO REACH THE CASTLE BEFORE DARK!
THAT THING ALMOST KILLED ME!

STOP! NO ONE GETS PAST BRAK!
WHAM
NO ONE GETS PAST BRAK!

HOLD STILL!
ARRGGHHH!!!
YOU HURT BRAK!
DINK!
CRASH
WELCOME...

SO ROLAND WE FINALLY MEET!
GIVE ME THE MAGIC SHIELD BOY!
GIVE UP THE GIRL AND I'LL LET YOU GO!
AAIIEEEE
NNOO
PLEASE SPARE ME!


THANK YOU! OH THANK BOTH OF YOU!
FREE HER! I'LL FIND THE TREASURE!
ARE YOU OK? WOULD YOU LIKE SOME WINE?
YES! THANK YOU!
YOUR FRIEND SEEMS TO BE VERY MERCENARY!
SOMETIMES WHEN HE FIGHTS HE GETS THE BLOOD LUST!
NOTHING BUT BAUBLES!! WHERE'S THE TREASURE?
I... DONT KNOW!
YAH YOU DO!


GO OUTSIDE AND TEND THE HORSES, BOY! I'VE GOT WORK TO DO!
POW
I SAID, I'VE SEEN ENOUGH!
YOU SEE, I AM AXAGA THE SORCERESS, AND THIS HAS ALL BEEN A TEST!
ALL YOU'VE DONE UP TO NOW IS BATTLE MY ILLUSIONS...
...AND YOU DON'T WANT TO BATTLE ME!
RUN FAIR LADY! I'LL TRY TO KEEP HIM BUSY FOR A WHILE!
YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE DONE THAT BOY!
STOP IT! I'VE SEEN ENOUGH!
I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR A BRAVE, TRUE, HONORABLE MAN TO RULE BY MY SIDE, AND I'VE FINALLY FOUND HIM...
I'VE WAITED A LONG TIME FOR YOU, DUNCAN!
NOW JUST A MINUTE!!
DON'T WORRY ROLAND! YOU'LL GET WHAT YOU WISHED FOR!

HE RULED THE LAND WELL WITH THE
HE HAD TWO STRONG CHILDREN
OWNED LANDS AS FAR AS HE
COULD SEE AND EVERYTHING
THEM PROSPERED
...A PIG THAT HAD SIRED A
HERD AND LIVED THE QUIET
LIFE!

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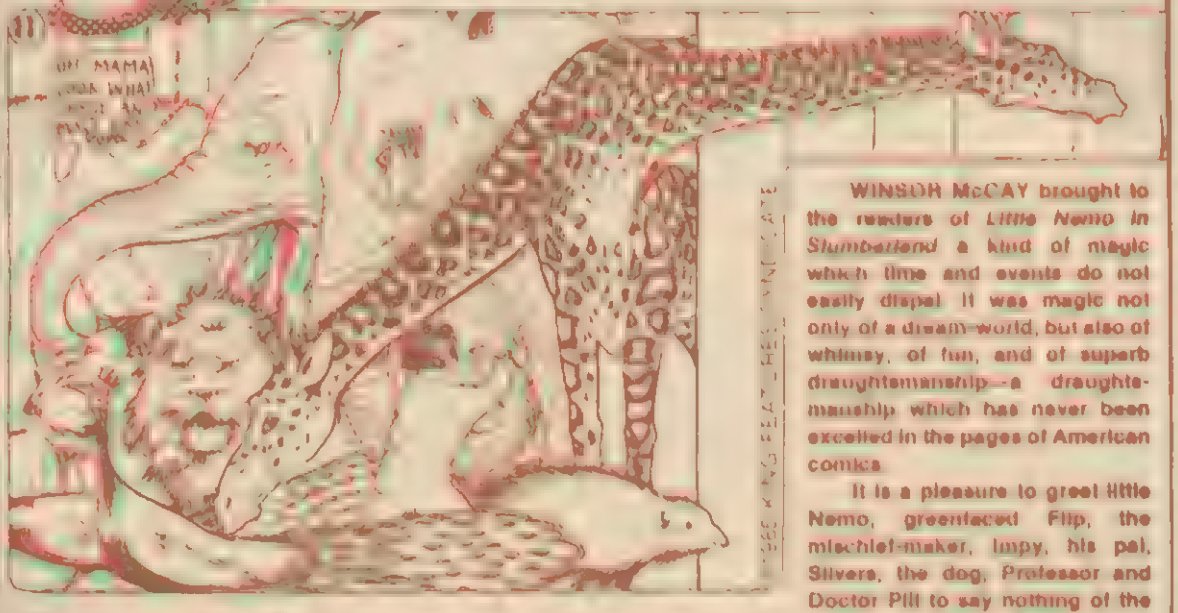

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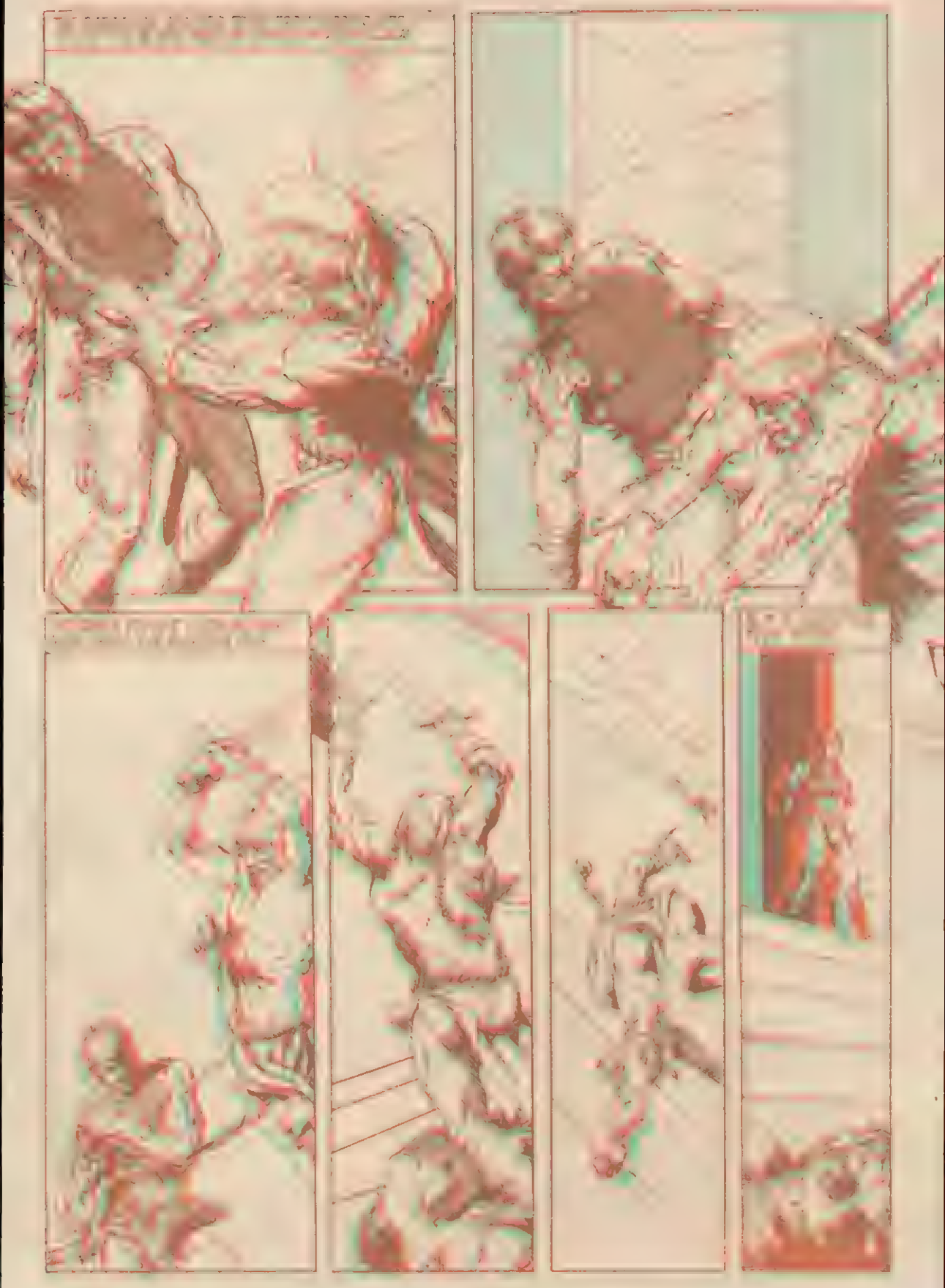
HAVING NO TIME TO WASTE, HE LEAPED INTO THEIR MIDST...
...QUICKLY REDUCING THE ODDS
MOVING ABOUT QUICKLY, SO THAT THE REMAINING TWO WERE HAMPERED BY EACH OTHER, HE SAW HIS OPENING AND STRUCK
ONLY HIS LIGHTNING SPEED SAVED HIM FROM CERTAIN DEATH.



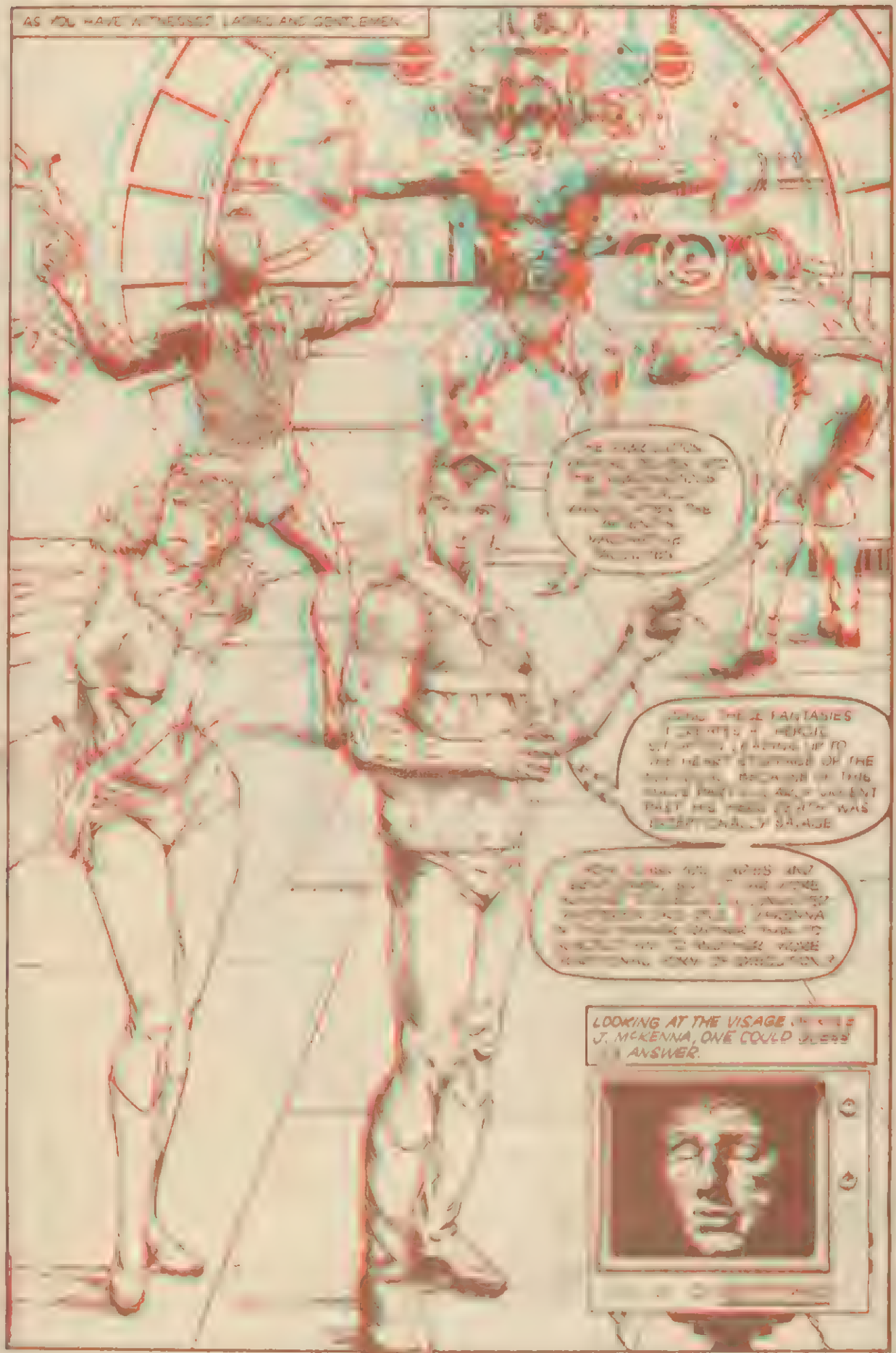
ON THE ROYAL PLATFORM, ONE OF THE RAIDERS HAD BROKEN THROUGH THE BODYGUARDS SURROUNDING THE PRINCESS

AT THE LAST SECOND, A HERO EMERGES
MCKENNA KNEW THAT SHE WAS SAFE FOR THE MOMENT, BUT HER RING OF BODYGUARDS WAS SLOWLY TIGHTENING AROUND HER, AS IF IT WERE A LIVING NOOSE
IN A FLASH, HE KNEW WHAT HE MUST DO

HIS HEART POUNDING
AT THE TOP HE SIDE-STEPPED A WOMAN FIGHTING FOR HER LIFE
THE FALLEN
BROKEN DAGGE

THANK YOU, SHE WHISPERED, HER RUBY LIPS TREMBLING.

ACCEPTING THAT HIS FATE WAS OVER, VICKENNA RELAXED AND WELCOMED DEATH, KNOWING HE HAD NOT DIED IN VAIN.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BUT THERE'S NO FEAR IN THE STEELY-EYED DAKTAR...

AGAIN YOU INSULT ME WITH SOME CHARLATAN BLASPHEMING THE HOLY DRAGON!
NOW, NOW, CALM DOWN BARON MORESHA. I HAD NO IDEA THIS CONJURER
YOU'LL PAY FOR THIS!

ASGDUN, TAKE HER TO THE DUNGEON SO THAT SHE CAN THINK THINGS OVER
THEN WE AGREE TO
E. WE LET THE PRINCESS CHOOSE
HUSBAND, AND THE REST
WARRIOR, BUT ONE WHO REL
ING, STEALTH, AND INGENUIT

TRIES TO SWIM AGAINST THE CURRENT
BUT IT FORCES HIM DEEPER INTO THE
ICY DEPTHS WHERE HE IS FORCED
...T MUST BE INSIDE
THE CASTLE THOUGH THIS
THIS BODY WAS USED FOR
WARE NOT GUESS.

AXIS MAKES HIS WAY THROUGH THE CASTLE'S LABYRINTHINE DUNGEONS.
I DON'T SEE THAT YOU HAVE A CHOICE. HEY- WHAT'S THIS?

AXIS WATCHES IN AWE AS INCOMPREHENSIBLE FORCES STRUGGLE IN A TITANIC BATTLE. ALMOST IMPERCEPTIBLY AT FIRST, THE TIDE TURNS AGAINST PANDOR.
BUT AXIS HAS ONE LAST TRICK UP HIS SLEEVE.

THE ILLUSIONIST PLAYS TO A DESPERATE AUDIENCE.

WHOOSH
WHAT?!

SEIZING THE MOMENT, PANDOR FORCES HIS ANTAGONIST BACK INTO THE FIRE.
AAAHHHH

WHAT DID YOU THROW IN THERE?
DRAGON POWDER.
DRAGON POWDER. ITS CHEMICAL QUALITIES COMBINED WITH OUR MAGICAL SPELLS WILL CAUSE AN EXPLOSION. LET'S GET OUT OF HERE.

WHILE ESCAPING, THE TRIO ENCOUNTER WOUNDED DAKTAR WHO JOINS THEM IN FLIGHT.

MOMENTS LATER...
KABOOMMM

THE NEXT DAY....
AXIS YOU WERE A BRAVE YOUNG MAN AND HAVE EARNED YOUR REWARD.
YES?
HOWEVER THERE IS A PROBLEM. MY DAUGHTER WISHES TO MARRY DARTAR.

WHAT?
I'M SORRY, BUT MY DAUGHTER ALWAYS GETS WHAT SHE WANTS. NOW IF YOU WILL ACCEPT THIS BAG OF GOLD.
A MEASLEY BAG OF GOLD?

I THINK AXIS, YOU WOULD BE FAR BETTER OFF IF YOU LEFT THE KINGDOM IMMEDIATELY.

LATER THAT DAY, AXIS THE WOULD-BE HERO SETS OUT TOWARD THE LOWLANDS, ONCE AGAIN A WANDERER. HIS DRAGON POWDER IS GONE, HIS ILLUSIONS ENDED.
AXIS.
I DIDN'T GET A CHANCE TO THANK YOU.
THAT'S ALL RIGHT. I'VE HAD ENOUGH THANKS FOR ONE DAY.

NOW THAT I'M FREE I'LL BE NEEDING AN APPRENTICE.
SPLENDID!
A WIZARD'S APPRENTICE? WELL...
I THINK WE'D MAKE A PERFECT MATCH.

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO YOUR LAST APPRENTICE?
"OH."
HE WAS EATEN BY A GIANT SNAKE.

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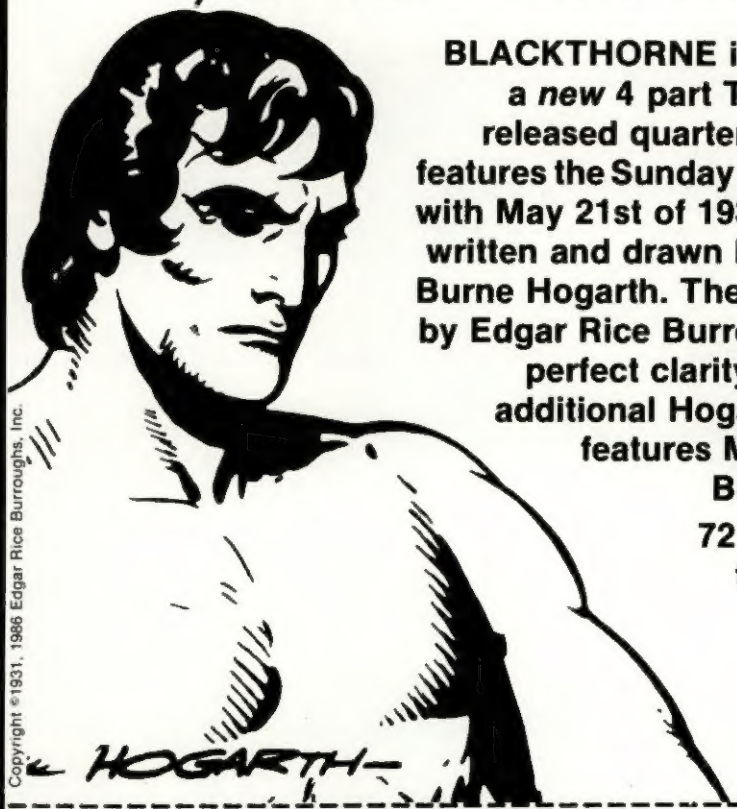

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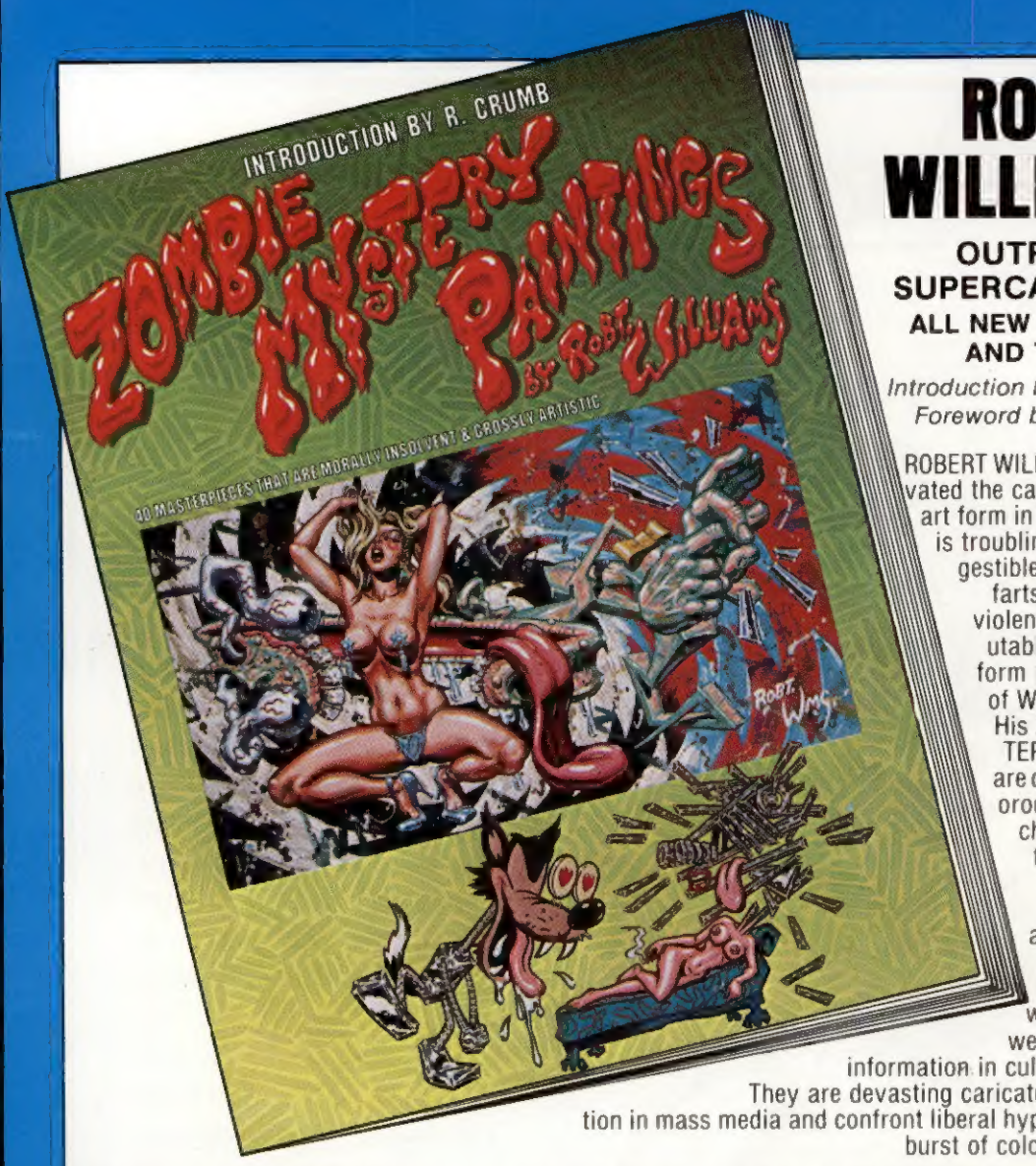
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